

To: Members of the Judiciary Committee
From: Christine Stahl, East Lyme
Re: In Support of H.B. 6355
Date: 3/3/21

Dear Chairs and Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Christine Stahl. I am a resident of East Lyme, a Mom of 2 teenagers, and a member of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

I am writing in support of H.B. 6355, An Act Concerning Risk Protection Orders or Warrants. I support this bill because modernizing our current red flag law is a common-sense measure that can save lives.

In particular I support a family member's ability to petition the court directly, without law enforcement intervention, to have firearms temporarily removed when a loved one is in crisis and poses an imminent threat to harm themselves or others.

Now in particular, the social, emotional, and financial toll inflicted by the pandemic is causing increases in depression and anxiety for many citizens. For some, those feelings of helplessness combined with a gun can increase their potential for gun suicide and/or other gun violence.

Please support H.B. 6335. Please keep the safety and well-being of your constituents in mind when you have the fortunate opportunity to support this life saving bill.

Thank you,
Christine Stahl
East Lyme, CT